

Riverside  
Mardenhead  
29 Apr. 1854

My dear Sir

I am sorry for  
the blunder about the  
stamps, yet if I make no  
worse mistakes, I shall es-  
cape pretty well. I inclose  
eight stamps to make up for  
your disbursement. Having  
sealed my packet I sent  
it <sup>out</sup> ~~enough~~ to be weighed, &  
word was brought me that  
it was under 3 ounces:

hence the six stamps & no more.

I wondered that in your biography of Sir Tho. Smith you omitted his confinement in the Tower, & the book he <sup>but did not print</sup> wrote while there.

You will see in Ritson (Bibl. Poet. 335) that in a note he mentions some of the ballads to which you advert - particularly two, one of which he misprints "The retinue of M. Smith's envoy", instead of "The returne" &c

I think that you must call these ballads &c "Broadside in verse"; because, as you well know, any Proclamation, Declaration, or indeed any composition printed on one side of a large



sheet of paper is a broad side.

My acquaintance  
with such matters is very <sup>ancient</sup>  
general & extensive. I have  
hundreds of my own. I am  
very glad that the task of  
arranging those of the Society  
has fallen into your hands,  
instead of mine; though I  
should not have taken the  
trouble you have done in  
writing an Introduction. At  
the rate at which you have  
begun, your Introduction <sup>when printed</sup>  
must make a volume.

<sup>for stamps</sup> You speak of the  $\sigma^2$   
as a large item in the list  
of the Treasures: what sort  
of an item will the printing  
&c. make? As I told you, in  
my opinion some of the quo-  
tations are hardly required,

in as much as the ballads &c  
are in the library to speak  
for themselves.

I only put down my  
pencil-scribbles, very hastily,  
and I dare say that many  
of them occurred to you before  
you received them from me,  
only you did not consider  
it necessary to advert to the  
small points to which they  
relate. I shall be happy to  
be able to answer any ques-  
tions you may put, & remain

My dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely  
J. Payne Collier

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